



AUGUST 2021 | BACK TO SCHOOL EDITON

# MUSTANG NEWS



SILVER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## REFOCUS, REINVENT & RECONNECT

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! It is with tremendous pride that I welcome everyone back from summer break and back to in-person learning. As we embark on this new school year, it is important for students to set goals to drive the school year. As you know, establishing goals is an important step for ensuring a successful school year! We understand our scholars will be adjusting to being back on campus and have therefore included in this newsletter our code of conduct and safety and security updates that will be implemented this year. Furthermore, we have our amazing school counselors on campus to assist with any social-emotional support our students may need as they transition back to in-person learning.

Being prepared for school is another essential step when striving for success. Establish routines for checking Pinnacle, homework assignments, and all other educational apps such as Canvas, Newsela.com, Khan Academy, and Vocabulary.com. Proper preparation sets the right tone for the school year and establishes the foundation for student academic growth. Please take time to review this newsletter as it provides an overview of important information regarding the upcoming school year. Students return to school on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Our Open House will be held September 9, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Additionally, a special ESLS Department session for parents of ESE students will be held beginning at 5:30 pm. Silver Trail Middle School is committed to working alongside our Mustang families to make certain the 2021-2022 school year is a success and that our scholars enjoy their on campus experience!

Thank you for your continued support,

Steve Frazier  
Principal

### BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

**Attention Parents and Students:**

There are a number of important forms that need to be completed at the start of the school year. This information is key for ensuring your child is safe while on campus, and that families are informed about all rules and expectations for the school year. Key forms that need to be completed online include:

- Emergency Contact and Release Forms
- Broward School Board Code of Conduct
- Photo Release
- Updated Contact Information
- Medical Notifications and Medications

[CLICK HERE](#) to access and complete online forms.

### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

The BCPS Food and Nutrition Services Department will serve meals at no cost to all students for the 2021-2022 school year using the waiver granted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Broward County Public Schools, Food and Nutrition Services Department encourages households to complete a Free or Reduced-Price meal application along with the Meal Benefits Disclosure form. To apply please go <http://www.myschoolapps.com> and complete the forms.

The approval of a meal benefits application along with completion of the Meal Benefits Disclosure Form, may provide students additional assistances with district programs.

## SAFETY & SECURITY

The safety and security of our students, staff and parents is our top priority. With this in mind, we need everyone's support; if you see something, say something. Everyone is encouraged to report suspicious or dangerous behavior, as well as any threats to our school. Reports can be made to any staff member on campus, however, preferably should be reported to one of the school's administrators or security staff members.

Now, any student, educator, parent, or member of the public can also report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or [www.getfortifyfl.com](http://www.getfortifyfl.com).



As a part of our safety procedures for the 2021-2022 school year, we will be conducting monthly emergency and evacuation drills, in coordination with local police and fire rescue to better prepare in the event of a true emergency.

In addition, all students are required to wear their IDs at all times while on school campus. At the beginning of the year students will be required to use IDs from the previous school year until new ones are issued. Silver Trail Middle School thanks you for helping keep our school community safe!

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Students and families are advised of the Broward County Code of Student Conduct and Policy 5006 as it pertains to disciplinary infractions and criteria for expulsion.

The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5.8, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations.

Continue to familiarize yourself with the complete Broward County Code of Student that can be found online at <https://www.browardschools.com/global6> or search the Broward County Public Schools website under the School Climate and Discipline Section.

## BUS & TRANSPORTATION

Get ready for the back-to-school season with these School Bus Safety Updates & Tips for Students and Parents!

If a student is eligible for transportation services, their bus route will be posted on Virtual Counselor.

Expect school bus delays the first few weeks of school due to traffic congestion around campuses, schools regulating dismissals, and students becoming familiar with their bus drivers.

Students should arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes early.

Major bus stop changes will be considered after September 2nd so routes can be stabilized and leveled.

Parents are encouraged to contact our Transportation Liaison, Mr. Ruiz at 754-323-4300 or Transportation Services at 754-321-4400 if they have questions or concerns regarding their child's bus route.

## JOIN OUR PTSA

The Silver Trail Middle School PTSA knows that a strong partnership among our families, school leaders and community members is important to the success of our students and school. That is why we cordially invite all Mustang families to become PTSA members for the 2021-2022 school year!

It is only \$10.00 dollars to enroll using the following link for your membership: <https://stmsptsa.memberhub.com/store>

As a reminder, we will be holding General Elections and you must be a member 30 days ahead of time in order to be able to run for a position. Those interested, please email Ms. Ruiz at [claudia.ruiz@browardschools.com](mailto:claudia.ruiz@browardschools.com). Do not delay – JOIN NOW!



### COVID-19 UPDATES

#### Please note some important updates related to Covid-19:

BCPS continues to monitor Covid-19 trends. We will continue to update you via ParentLink and our website with any new information.

BCPS will return to standard seating capacity on buses.

Meal service will continue to be offered both in our cafeteria and outside with student choice.

Daily cleaning of high frequency touch points as well as weekly power cleaning will continue.

#### Prevention Strategies:

Signage will continue to be posted around campus

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Staying home when sick

Contact tracing and testing

Opportunities for Vaccination